

TEST BOOKLET

GENERAL STUDIES

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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

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PART - A (GENERAL STUDIES)

1. Which of the following provisions was included in the Government of India Act 1935?
 1. Complete independence for India from British rule.
 2. Introduction of a federal structure with provincial autonomy.
 3. Introduction of universal adult suffrage.(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 3 only
2. Consider the following statements about Indus Valley Civilization:
 1. The Indus Valley Civilization was primarily known for its large-scale iron production.
 2. The civilization is noted for its advanced urban planning, including well-planned cities.
 3. The primary economy of the Indus Valley Civilization was based on nomadic herding.How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None
3. In India, Right to Be Free from Adverse Effects of Climate Change is a
(a) Fundamental Right (b) Statutory Right
(c) Universal Right (d) Legal Right
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. Tides are of great help in navigation and fishing.
 2. Tide prevents siltation in the harbours.
 3. Kandla Port is a tidal port.How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
5. 'Bio-transformation technology' sometimes mentioned in news, refers to:
 - a) A genetic engineering technique to enhance crop resistance.
 - b) A method to increase the biodegradability of plastics
 - c) A process to convert organic waste into renewable energy sources through microbial action.
 - d) A technique to enhance soil fertility by transforming agricultural residues into biofertilizers.

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6. Which of the following statements about fly ash bricks is/are correct?
1. Fly ash bricks are made using fly ash, clay and sand.
 2. Fly ash bricks have lower strength and durability compared to traditional clay bricks.
 3. Fly ash bricks can be used in load-bearing walls.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 3 only
7. Which of the following is an example of a derivative financial instrument?
- (a) Government bond (b) Corporate stock
(c) Exchange-traded fund (ETF) (d) Options contract
8. Which of the following types of unemployment is characterized by the mismatch between the skills of the workforce and the skills required for available jobs?
- (a) Frictional Unemployment (b) Structural Unemployment
(c) Cyclical Unemployment (d) Seasonal Unemployment
9. What does the term 'Gross National Product (GNP)' refer to?
- a) The total market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
 - b) The total market value of all final goods and services produced by the nationals of a country in a given period of time, including income earned from abroad.
 - c) The total expenditure on goods and services within a country in a given period of time.
 - d) The total income of all residents of a country, including both wages and profits.
10. Which of the following are the implication of the Union government giving 'special status' to a state?
1. Current account budgetary deficit will be bridged by the Union government.
 2. Large percentage of the central assistance will be grants-in-aid.
 3. The extent of loan as a percentage of total assistance will be high.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 3 only
11. The President may from time to time fix the number of Election Commissioners of the Election Commission on the basis of,
- (a) Advice by the Chief Election Commissioner
(b) Advice by the Prime Minister's Office
(c) Recommendation of the Union Law Ministry
(d) The law made in that respect by the Parliament

12. Consider the following pairs:

Economic Activity : Sector

1. Car Manufacturing : Tertiary Sector
2. Retail Banking : Secondary Sector
3. Coal Mining : Primary Sector

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None

13. Consider the following:

1. Papaya
2. Mango
3. Pineapple

Which of the above fruits are native and were not introduced to India?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only

14. Which of the following statements correctly describe the powers and functions of the President of India?

1. Every Judge of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President
2. The President can dissolve the Lok Sabha on the advice of Prime Minister.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

15. Which of the following statements about the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) are correct?

1. MNREGA aims to enhance the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.
2. The scheme is demand-driven, and employment is provided within 10 days of the work application being submitted.
3. An eligible applicant who does not get employment after demand for work is entitled to unemployment allowance.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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16. Consider the following countries:

1. South Africa
2. Iran
3. Ethiopia
4. Oman

How many of the above countries is/are members of BRICS?

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| (a) Only one | (b) Only two |
| (c) Only three | (d) All four |

17. With reference to energy sector in India, consider the following statements:

1. Green Hydrogen Standard for India specifies emission threshold of 1 kg CO₂ equivalent / kg H₂ as 12-month average
2. Green hydrogen is produced when we use renewable energy to separate water molecules into hydrogen and oxygen using an electrolyzer.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

18. Which of the following statements regarding the Round Table Conferences held between 1930 and 1932 are correct?

1. The First Round Table Conference was held in 1930 and was boycotted by the Indian National Congress.
2. The Second Round Table Conference in 1931 was attended by Mahatma Gandhi as the sole official representative of the Indian National Congress.
3. The Third Round Table Conference in 1932 led to the enactment of the Government of India Act 1935.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| (a) Only one statements is correct |
| (b) Only two statements are correct |
| (c) All three statements are correct |
| (d) No statement is correct |

19. The 42nd Amendment to the Indian Constitution is often referred to as the “Mini-Constitution” due to its extensive changes. Which of the following statements are true regarding the 42nd Amendment Act of 1976?

1. It added the words “Secular” and “Sovereign” to the Preamble of the Constitution.
2. It curtailed the power of the judiciary and transferred more power to the Parliament.
3. It provided for the establishment of Administrative Tribunals.
4. It introduced the concept of Fundamental Duties.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one statement is correct
- (b) Only two statements are correct
- (c) Only three statements are correct
- (d) All four statements are correct

20. Who among the following has issued the coin rupee for the first time?

- (a) Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq
- (b) Alauddin Khilji
- (c) Sher Shah
- (d) Akbar

21. With reference to Unified Payment Service (UPI), consider the following statements:

1. All payments through UPI are instant and 24/7, regardless of bank’s working hours.
2. Registration of Beneficiary is a necessary step for transferring funds through UPI
3. UPI incorporates a Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) mechanism to ensure the security of transactions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only

22. The plant dye Henna imparts orange-red colour to skin and hairs due to its reaction with which of the following?

- (a) Proteins and amino acids
- (b) Lipids
- (c) Carbohydrates
- (d) Nucleic Acids

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23. With reference to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) role in conducting government banking transactions, which of the following statements are correct?

1. RBI is obligated to manage the receipts and payments of the Central Government, including the management of public debt.
2. RBI transacts State Government business in terms of agreements with all State Governments, including the Government of Sikkim.
3. RBI discharges its obligations through its own offices and commercial banks appointed as its agents.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |

24. Which of the following statements about Aramaic language is/are correct?

1. Aramaic is a language related to Hebrew and Arabic.
2. Aramaic language has been used in Ashokan inscriptions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only | (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) Neither 1 nor 2 |
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25. Which one of the following statements about Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva is not correct?

- (a) He was the leading proponent of Vaishnavism in Assam
- (b) His teachings are known as 'Bhagavati Dharma'
- (c) One of his major compositions is Bhakti- Ratnakara.
- (d) He rejected the traditional form of Satsang, the Naam-Kirtan

26. Which of the following would be considered as part of inclusive governance?

1. Providing targeted subsidies to rural areas to bridge the urban-rural divide.
2. Prioritizing infrastructure development in industrial zones to boost economic growth.
3. Encouraging citizen participation in the decision-making process.

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only | (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |
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27. Judicial review in the Indian Constitution is based on,

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| (a) Procedure established by law | (b) Due process of Law |
| (c) Rule of Law | (d) Precedents and Conventions |

28. Consider the following crops:

1. Barley
2. Gram
3. Groundnut
4. Maize

Which of the above are rabi crops?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 2 and 3 only (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

29. The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee, whose permission is required for cultivation of any genetically modified crop as Bt Cotton in India, is under the Union Ministry of,

- (a) Agriculture (b) Environment and Forests
(c) Commerce and Industry (d) Rural-Development

30. Which of the following foods can be consumed as a source of protein?

1. Curd
2. Lentils
3. Broccoli

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

31. Consider the following statements regarding the Non-Cooperation Movement:

1. The Non-Cooperation Movement was launched by the Indian National Congress in 1920 in response to the Jallianwala Bagh massacre and the Rowlatt Act.
2. The movement saw widespread participation from both urban and rural areas, with significant involvement from peasants and workers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

32. In which of the following activities are Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellites used?

1. Agricultural monitoring and crop forecasting
2. Disaster management and mitigation
3. Urban planning and development

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

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33. Cloudy nights are warmer compared to clear cloudless nights, because clouds:
- (a) Prevent cold waves from the sky from descending on earth
 - (b) Reflect back the heat given off by earth
 - (c) Produce heat and radiate it towards earth
 - (d) Absorb heat from the atmosphere and send it towards earth
34. Which of the following statements about the World Trade Organization (WTO) is/are correct?
- 1. The WTO was established in 1995 to replace the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).
 - 2. The primary function of the WTO is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably, and freely as possible.
 - 3. The WTO is responsible for regulating labour standards across member countries.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 only
35. Which of the following items are categorized under the white goods industry?
- 1. Refrigerators
 - 2. Personal computers
 - 3. Air conditioners
 - 4. Washing machines
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
36. Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act concerns,
- (a) Fiscal deficit only
 - (b) Revenue deficit only
 - (c) Both fiscal deficit and revenue deficit
 - (d) Neither fiscal deficit nor revenue deficit
37. Consider the following:
- 1. Right to work
 - 2. Right to privacy
 - 3. Right to own property
- Which of the above is/are human rights under the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights"?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

38. According to the Constitution of India the term 'district judge' shall not include,
- (a) Chief Presidency Magistrate
 - (b) Sessions Judge
 - (c) Tribunal Judge
 - (d) Chief Judge of a small cause court
39. Who among the following was the chairman of the Union Constitution Committee of the Constituent Assembly?
- (a) B.R Ambedkar
 - (b) J.B Kripalani
 - (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (d) Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar
40. Which of the following statements are correct about the Constitution of India?
1. The provisions for the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) are given in Part XV of the Constitution.
 2. The provisions for the Finance Commission are given in Part XII of the Constitution.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
41. Consider the following statements about the Neem tree:
1. Neem is a drought-resistant tree native to the Indian subcontinent.
 2. The active compound in Neem, Azadirachtin, is effective in controlling over 200 species of insects but is safe for humans and non-target organisms.
 3. Neem leaves are used in the preparation of bio-pesticides and can help improve soil fertility when used as green manure.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
42. Identify the crop based on the following ideal agroclimatic conditions:
- "This crop grows best in regions with moderate rainfall (50-75 cm) and requires well-drained sandy or loamy soil. It prefers temperatures between 20°C and 30°C and is usually sown before the onset of the monsoon."
- (a) Wheat (b) Rice (c) Cotton (d) Maize

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43. Consider the following statements:

1. Area-wise, Rajasthan is larger than Maharashtra.
2. According to the population Census 2011, the population of Maharashtra is larger than that of Rajasthan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

44. Through which one of the following groups of countries does the Equator pass?

- (a) Brazil, Zambia and Malaysia
- (b) Columbia, Kenya and Indonesia
- (c) Brazil, Sudan and Malaysia
- (d) Venezuela, Ethiopia and Indonesia

45. Consider the following countries:

1. Syria
2. Jordan
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Lebanon
5. Iraq

How many of the above countries share a border with Israel?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) Only four

46. Which of the following is/are cited by scientists as evidence for the continued expansion of the universe?

1. The redshift of light from distant galaxies
2. The cosmic microwave background radiation
3. The abundance of light elements

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

47. Which one of the following is not a lagoon?

- (a) Ashtamudi lake
- (b) Chilika lake
- (c) Periyar Lake
- (d) Pulicat Lake

48. Which of the following statements about foreign travelers in India is/are correct?
1. Fa-Hien visited India during the reign of Chandragupta II and his travel account is known as "Record of Buddhist Kingdoms."
 2. Hiuen Tsang visited India during the reign of Harsha and documented his journey in "Si-Yu-Ki" (Record of the Western Regions).
 3. Marco Polo visited India during the time of the Delhi Sultanate and his travel account is called "Indica."

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

49. Which of the following statements about the Paris Agreement is/are correct?
1. The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty that was adopted by consensus in 2015.
 2. The Paris Agreement requires all participating countries to set and achieve global emission reduction targets.
 3. The Paris Agreement aims to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, with efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

50. Which of the following statements about the G20 (Group of Twenty) is/are correct?
1. The G20 was established in response to the 2008 global financial crisis.
 2. The G20 consists of 19 countries and the European Union, focusing on international economic cooperation.
 3. Decisions made by the G20 are legally binding for member countries.

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only

51. Which one of the following statements regarding Ashoka stone pillars is incorrect?

- (a) These are highly polished
(b) These are monolithic
(c) The shaft of pillars is tapering in shape
(d) Ashoka got the inspiration for such pillars from his father Bindusara.

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52. With reference to Buddhism, consider the following statements:

1. The Buddha regarded the social world as the creation of humans rather than of divine origin.
2. The worship of images of the Buddha and Bodhisattvas became an important part of Hinayanatradition.
3. According to Buddhist philosophy, the world is soulless (anatta) as there is nothing permanent or eternal in it.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

53. With reference to the history of Indian rock-cut architecture, consider the following statements:

1. The caves at Badami are the oldest surviving rock-cut caves in India.
2. The Barabar rock-cut caves were originally made for Ajivikas by Emperor Chandragupta Maurya.
3. At Ellora, caves were made for different faiths.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

54. In the context of the cultural history of India, The 'Sur Sagar' is

- (a) a medieval treatise on music composed by Tansen
- (b) a poetic work of Surdas
- (c) memories of Bahadur Shah Zafar
- (d) None of the above

55. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: It was Akbar who consciously set out to make Persian the leading language of the Mughal court.

Statement II: Cultural and intellectual contacts with Iran might have motivated the Emperor Akbar to adopt the language.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

56. Consider the following statements:

1. Some of the earliest bhakti movements were led by the Alvars and Nayanars
2. One of the most striking features of the Alvar and Nayanar traditions was the presence of women.
3. One of the major themes in Tamil bhakti hymns is the poets' opposition to Buddhism and Jainism.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |

57. The Amara-Nayaka system was a major political innovation of which Indian Empire?

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| (a) Cholas | (b) Chalukyas | (c) Guptas | (d) Vijayanagara |
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58. Consider the following statements:

1. The Government of India Act 1909 did not allow for any elected representation in legislative councils.
2. The executive was made partly responsible to the provincial legislature in Government of India Act, 1919.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only | (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) Neither 1 nor 2 |
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59. Consider the following statements:

1. The Rowlatt Satyagraha was largely restricted to villages.
2. Gandhi founded the Rowlatt Satyagraha Sabha in 1919.
3. The first venture of Gandhi in all-India politics was the Rowlatt Satyagraha.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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| (a) Only one | (b) Only two | (c) All three | (d) None |
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60. In the context of British India, the term "imperial preference" was applied to

- (a) Special privileges on British imports in India
- (b) Racial discrimination by the Britishers
- (c) Subordination of Indian interest to that of the British
- (d) Preference given to British political agents over Indian princes

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61. Which one of the following is not a collective privilege of the Members of Parliament?
- (a) Freedom of debates and proceedings.
 - (b) The Right to regulate the internal matters of the Parliament.
 - (c) Freedom from attendance as Witness.
 - (d) The privilege of excluding strangers from the house.
62. Which of the following is/are not explicitly stated in the Constitution of India?
- 1. Judicial Review
 - 2. No-confidence motion
 - 3. Leader of Opposition
 - 4. Special Officer for linguistic minorities
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1 and 3 only
63. The purpose of the inclusion of Directive Principles of the State Policy in the Indian Constitution is to establish:
- (a) political democracy
 - (b) social democracy
 - (c) Gandhian democracy
 - (d) social and economic democracy
64. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution did the Supreme Court derive its powers to pass any decree or make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it, as used in the Ayodhya land dispute case?
- (a) Article 142
 - (b) Article 136
 - (c) Article 32
 - (d) Article 143
65. Which of the following is the best description of Fundamental Rights?
- (a) All the rights an individual should have.
 - (b) All the rights given to citizens by law.
 - (c) The rights given and protected by the Constitution.
 - (d) The rights given by the Constitution that cannot ever be restricted.
66. A constitutional government by definition is a
- (a) government by legislature
 - (b) popular government
 - (c) Multi-party government
 - (d) Limited government

67. With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, by-laws, et(c) conferred by the Constitution or delegated by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation?

- (a) Committee on Government Assurances
- (b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation
- (c) Rules Committee
- (d) Business Advisory Committee

68. Choose the statement that best reflects the fundamental principle of a federal system of government:

- a) A structure to distribute power evenly, ensuring that different regions have appropriate autonomy.
- b) A system designed to reduce administrative burdens by decentralizing government functions.
- c) A method of governance that ensures both central and state governments share powers, responsibilities, and resources.
- d) A framework for enhancing the control of the central government when regional stability is threatened.

69. Democracy's greatest strength is its ability to

- a) engage citizens in the governance process, enhancing community involvement and decision-making.
- b) develop mechanisms for robust oversight and transparency in governance.
- c) promote leaders who demonstrate exceptional innovation and foresight.
- d) mobilize and rely on committed political activists

70. Match List I (Articles of the Constitution of India) with List II (Provision) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I : List-II

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| A. Article 17 : | 1. Protection in respect of conviction for offenses |
| B. Article 20 : | 2. 'Untouchability' is abolished and its practice in any form is forbidden |
| C. Article 23 : | 3. Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labor |
| D. Article 22 : | 4. Protection against arrest and detention in certain cases |

(a) A-2, B-1, C-3, D-4

(b) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4

(c) A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1

(d) A-2, B-1, C-3, D-4

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71. With reference to Money bill, consider the following statements:

1. It cannot be introduced in the Council of States
 2. If any question arises whether the Bill is Money Bill or not, the decision of the Speaker is final
 3. In case of deadlock over a Money Bill, the president can summon a joint sitting of the Parliament
 4. A Money Bill cannot be introduced except on the recommendation of the president
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four

72. Consider the following statements regarding the Constitution of India in relation to Fundamental Rights:

1. Fundamental Rights place restrictions on the legislative function.
2. Fundamental Rights impose limitations on the executive function.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

73. Consider the following crops of India:

1. Groundnut 2. Gram 3. Pearl millet

How many of the above is/are predominantly rainfed crop/crops?

(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

74. Which of the following is/are the conditions favorable for the formation and intensification of tropical storms?

1. Large sea surface with temperature higher than 27° C
2. Large variations in the vertical wind speed
3. A pre-existing weak High-pressure area

(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1 and 2 only

75. Arrange the following eastward flowing rivers from north to south:

- (a) Mahanadi, Subarnarekha, Godavari, Pennar, Cauvery, Vaigai
- (b) Mahanadi, Godavari, Pennar, Cauvery, Vaigai, Subarnarekha
- (c) Subarnarekha, Mahanadi, Godavari, Pennar, Cauvery, Vaigai
- (d) Subarnarekha, Mahanadi, Pennar, Godavari, Vaigai, Cauvery

76. Which type of forests are known for containing commercially valuable trees like ebony, mahogany, rosewood, and cinchona?

- (a) Tropical Rainforests (b) Temperate Deciduous Forests
(c) Boreal Forests (d) Tropical Dry Forests

77. Nanda Devi peak is part of which Himalayan range?

- (a) Garhwal Himalayas (b) Kumaon Himalayas
(c) Karakoram Range (d) Pir Panjal Range

78. Which one of the following is not a Biosphere reserve?

- (a) Agasthyamala (b) Nallamala (c) Nilgiri (d) Pachmarhi

79. Consider the following statements regarding wildlife in India:

1. In India, the Asiatic Lion is naturally found only in the Gir Forest of Gujarat.
2. In India, the Great Indian Bustard is found in the arid regions of Rajasthan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

80. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

Waterfalls : River

1. Dudhsagar Falls : Mandovi
2. Athirappilly Falls : Chalakudy
3. Hogenakkal Falls : Krishna

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

81. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Most of the world's deserts are located in the western margins of continents in the subtropics

Statement II: Subtropical low-pressure zones and hot ocean currents create dry conditions in the western margins of continents in the subtropics.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

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82. The Reserve Bank of India supervises commercial banks with respect to:

1. Reserve requirements
2. Setting interest rates
3. Regulating bank loans

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

83. Consider the following liquid assets:

1. Treasury Bills
2. Cash
3. Fixed Deposits
4. Stocks

The correct sequence of these assets in decreasing order of liquidity is:

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 2, 1, 4, 3 (c) 2, 4, 1, 3 (d) 2, 4, 3, 1

84. With reference to India, consider the following initiatives:

1. Launch of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
2. Establishment of Payment Banks
3. Demonetisation of 500 and 1,000 banknotes.

How many of the above may be considered contributing to “financial inclusion” in India?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

85. Consider the following statements:

1. Deflation benefits savers.
2. Deflation benefits borrowers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

86. Which of the following statements regarding Commercial Paper (CP) in India is correct?

- (a) Commercial Paper is issued by companies to raise short-term funds.
- (b) Commercial Paper is a secured instrument backed by collateral.
- (c) Commercial Paper can only be issued by financial institutions.
- (d) Commercial Paper has a maturity period ranging from 1 to 10 years.

87. Which of the following is/are included in the capital budget of the Government of India?

1. Expenditure on the construction of infrastructure projects like highways and bridges
2. Borrowings from international financial institutions
3. Farm loan waivers given to the agriculture sector
4. Equity investments in state-owned enterprises

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

88. The money multiplier in an economy is likely to decrease with which one of the following?

- (a) Decrease in the cash reserve ratio
- (b) Decrease in the banking habit of the population
- (c) Decrease in the statutory liquidity ratio
- (d) Decrease in the central bank's interest rate

89. Which of the following is not a likely measure the Government/RBI would take to counter a depreciation of the Indian rupee?

- (a) Increasing interest rates to attract foreign investments
- (b) Selling foreign exchange reserves in the currency market
- (c) Imposing restrictions on outward capital flows
- (d) Reducing the repo rate to stimulate economic growth

90. Consider the following statements:

1. The weightage of food in Consumer Price Index (CPI) is higher than that in Wholesale Price Index(WPI).
2. The WPI does not capture changes in the prices of services, which CPI does.
3. Reserve Bank of India has now adopted WPI as its key measure of inflation and to decide on changing the key policy rates.

Which of the statements given- above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

91. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding fungi?

1. Fungi have their own cellular machinery for energy production.
2. Fungi can be cultured in synthetic media.
3. Fungi are transmitted from one organism to another by spores only.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2, and 3

92. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. Some species of birds are herbivores.
2. Some species of insects are herbivores.
3. Some species of amphibians are herbivores.
4. Some species of reptiles are oviparous.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

93. In India, the term “Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)” is used in the context of:

- (a) Advanced agricultural techniques
- (b) Enhancing digital security
- (c) Cloud computing solutions
- (d) Space exploration technologies

94. Which of the following applications can use Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology?

1. Tracking livestock
2. Managing library books
3. Monitoring heart rate

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

95. With reference to gravitational waves, consider the following statements:

1. Gravitational waves are ripples in space time caused by some of the most violent and energetic processes in the Universe.
2. Gravitational waves can be directly detected by ground-based observatories such as LIGO and Virgo.
3. Gravitational waves travel at the speed of light and can pass through matter without being significantly altered.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

96. Recently, in which of the following countries are waves of protests occurring due to controversial tax hikes?

- (a) France (b) Cambodia (c) Kenya (d) Venezuela

97. Which one of the following statements best reflects the issue with "Second Thomas Shoal", sometimes mentioned in the news?
- It is a coral reef that has been extensively developed by China into an artificial island with military installations.
 - The United States has established a naval base there to monitor maritime activities in the South China Sea.
 - The Philippines and China are involved in a territorial dispute over the Second Thomas Shoal in the South China Sea.
 - It has been designated as an international marine protected area due to its rich biodiversity, but enforcement remains a challenge.

98. Which of the following statements about 'Exercise MAITREE 2024' are correct?
- It was a joint military exercise between India and Nepal.
 - It commenced at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province of Thailand.
 - Joint Counter Insurgency/ Terrorist Operations in Jungle and Urban Environment is one of the goal of this exercise.
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

99. Which of the following Cities is/are NOT included in UNESCO Creative Cities Network?

1. Kozhikode

2. Hyderabad

3. Kolkata

4. Ujjain

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 and 3

(c) 3 and 4

(d) 1 and 4

100. Consider the following countries:

1. Egypt

2. Nigeria

3. France

4. Turkey

5. China

Which of the above countries are frequently mentioned in the media for experiencing high inflation rates?

(a) 1 and 3 only

(b) 2 and 4 only

(c) 1, 2, and 4 only

(d) 2, 3, and 5 only

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101. Each alphabet has been assigned a number i.e

A is assigned 1,

B is assigned 2,

C is assigned 3 and so on.

Following the above linear fashion any letter typed in the computer is automatically assigned a number by the computer. (Example- 'DOG' is assigned a number $4 + 15 + 7 = 26$)

Then if an aspirant types the phrase 'I LOVE UPSC' in the computer, the number assigned by the computer would be divisible by,

- a) One natural number
- b) Two natural numbers
- c) Three natural numbers
- d) Four natural numbers

102. **PASSAGE 1**

As a result of economic liberalization and entry of large number of multinational companies into India, the life of most middle class and upper middle-class people in the last two decades of the present century has been characterized by artificiality in dress, manners and conversation and elaborate surface of formality and grace covering a certain amount of vice and a great deal of plain silliness.

Q. Which of the following statement is a rational inference that can be derived from the passage?

- a) Economic liberalization has led to people presenting themselves in a more superficial manner.
- b) Poor mannerism is an outcome of economic liberalization.
- c) Economic liberalization has resulted in more formality and more sincerity in the social interactions of the middle and upper middle classes.
- d) The entry of numerous multinational companies has simplified the lifestyles of the middle and upper middle classes.

103. PASSAGE 2

Children in Indian society have always been a topic less spoken or discussed. The reasons of the same can be traced back to the socio-cultural background of the country. In the world children are taken as the greatest gift to humanity. Childhood is an important stage of human development as it holds the potential to the future of any society. Children who are brought up in an environment which is helpful to their intellectual, physical and social development will go on to be responsible and productive part of the society. Thus, every society links its future to the present status of its children.

Q. Which of the following statement is a logical and rational inference that can be derived from the passage?

- a) There is a need to include intellectual and social development in school curriculum.
- b) Children are sole bearers of social and family values
- c) Investing in children at an early age secures the future of a society
- d) Children's rights and Human development need to go hand in hand for a better future

104. PASSAGE 3

Optimism about the potential for India's economic growth has grown steadily in recent years. In part, this is fuelled by China's example of strong sustained growth, raising the obvious question of why India cannot do as well. However, the optimism also reflects the fact that India's growth has accelerated over the past two decades. And while still well below the growth rate in China, this favourable performance contrasts with growth slowdowns in other regions. It has also enabled the emergence of a significant middle class in India.

Q. Which of the following statement is a logical and rational inference that can be derived from the passage?

- a) India's growth is fuelled by rapid expansion of the service-producing industries
- b) India's economic performance mirrors that of China in some aspects.
- c) India's growth expansion is not creating adequate job growth
- d) India's growth is mainly due to the emergence of middle class

105. PASSAGE 4

As poverty persists across the country, critics of our safety net programs might say we lost the fight. But to label the War on Poverty a failure is to say that the creation of Medicare and Head Start, enactment of civil rights legislation, and investments in education that have enabled millions of students to go to college are a failure. In fact, without the safety net, much of which has its roots in the War on Poverty, poverty rates today would be nearly double what they currently are.

Q. Which of the following statement can be inferred from the passage?

- a) Our policies on education and civil rights have failed us poorly.
- b) Our safety net initiatives were not designed with the aim of eliminating poverty.
- c) The safety net program has done a satisfactory job of bringing poverty under control.
- d) The fight against war on poverty can never be won.

106. PASSAGE 5

It is not luck but labour that makes a man. Luck is waiting for something to turn up; labour with keen eyes and strong will always turns up something. Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy; labour turns out at six and with busy pen and ringing hammer lays the foundation of competence. Luck whines, labour watches. Luck relies on chance, labour on character. Luck slips downwards to self-indulgence; labour strides upwards and aspires to independence. The conviction, therefore, is extending that diligence is the mother of good luck. In other words, a man's success in life will be proportionate to his efforts, to his industry, to his attention to small things.

Q. Which one of the statements is true about the passage?

- a) Luck is necessary for success
- b) We have no moral claim to our luck
- c) Expectation of good luck leads to disappointment
- d) Success is proportionate to hard work

107. Let P, Q, R and S be natural numbers such that $P - 3154 = Q + 3787 = R + 3265 = S + 3843$ which one of the following is the largest natural number?

- a) P
- b) Q
- c) R
- d) S

108. Two Statements S1 and S2 are given below regarding two numbers followed by a Question:

S1: Their product is 45.

S2: Their sum is 46.

Question: What are the two numbers?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Statements and the Question?

- a) S1 alone is sufficient to answer the question
- b) S2 alone is sufficient to answer the question
- c) Both S1 and S2 taken together are not sufficient to answer the question
- d) Both S1 and S2 are necessary to answer the question.

109. Consider the following statements regarding four students P, Q, R and S:

Statement 1: P scored 10% less marks than Q and manages to qualify the exam.

Statement 2: P scored 10% more than R, but 20% less than S.

Question: Which student failed in the exam?

- a) Statement (1) alone is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- b) Statement (2) alone is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- c) Statements (1) and (2) together are not sufficient to answer the question asked, and additional data specific to the problem are needed
- d) Both statements (1) and (2) together are sufficient to answer the question asked; but neither statement alone is sufficient

110. Consider two statements S1 and S2 followed by a question:

S1: X is an integer satisfying the equation, $3^x = 0.1111....$

S2: X is neither a composite nor a prime number.

Question: What is the value of X?

- a) S1 alone is sufficient to answer the question
- b) S2 alone is sufficient to answer the question
- c) Either S1 or S2 alone are sufficient to answer the Question.
- d) Both S1 and S2 are necessary to answer the question.

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111. Consider the following statements and conclusions:

Statements:

No hen is a cock.

Some ducks are hens.

No cock is a sparrow.

Conclusions:

I. No hen is a sparrow

II. Some ducks are not cocks.

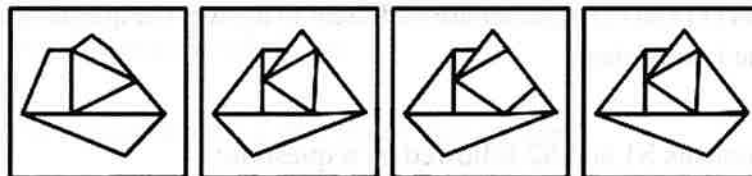
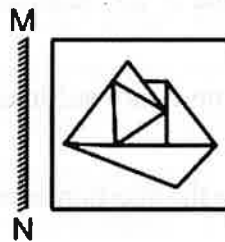
a) Conclusion I is correct

b) Conclusion II is correct

c) Both Conclusion I and Conclusion II are correct

d) Neither Conclusion I nor Conclusion II is correct

112. If a mirror is placed on the line MN, then which of the answer figures is the right image of the given figure.



A)

B)

C)

D)

a) A

b) B

c) C

d) D

113. Three clock bells ring at an interval of 60 seconds, 90 seconds, 125 seconds. If they ring together at 1 PM then at what time will they ring together again?

a) 2 : 15 PM

b) 2 : 25 PM

c) 2 : 30 PM

d) 2 : 45 PM

Following information is given:

1. Numbers 5, 2 and 3 are on adjacent faces.
2. Numbers 1, 4 and 6 are on adjacent faces.
3. Numbers 6, 1 and 3 are on adjacent faces.
4. Numbers 4, 5 and 1 are on adjacent faces.

Q. What is the number on the face opposite to the face numbered with 2?

- a) 1 b) 3
c) 4 d) 5

115. Two statements S1 and S2 are given below followed by a Question:

Statement 1: $(P - Q) > 0$, P is a natural number

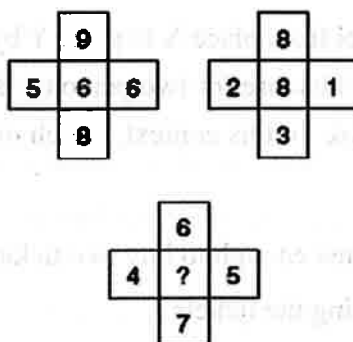
Statement 2: $(P + Q) < 0$, Q is a natural number.

Question: If P and Q are unique integers, is Q greater than P?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above question and the statements?

- a) The Question can be answered by using one of the statements alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
- b) The Question can be answered by using either statement alone.
- c) The Question can be answered by using both the statements together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- d) The Question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together

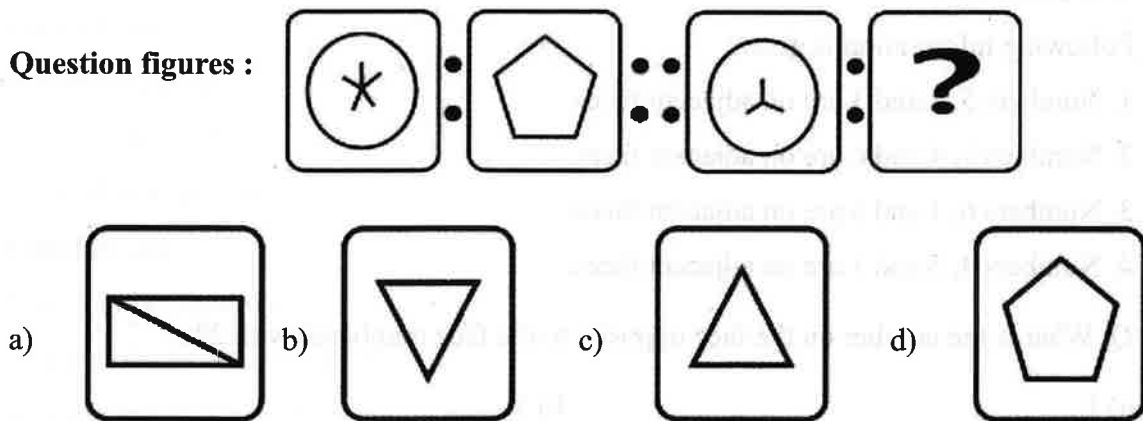
116. Find the missing number.



- a) 4 b) 6 c) 8 d) 10

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117. Choose the correct answer from the figures given below:



118. All members of a club went to Mumbai and stayed in a hotel. On the first day, 40% went for shopping and 70% went for sightseeing, whereas 10% took rest in the hotel. On the second day, 60% went for shopping and 40% went for sightseeing, whereas 20% took rest in the hotel.

Which of the following conclusion(s) can be drawn from the above data?

1. 20% members went for shopping as well as sightseeing on both days.
2. 20% members went for sightseeing only on second day.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2

119. Ajay and Vijay undertake to do a piece of work for Rs. 480. Ajay alone can do it in 75 days while Vijay alone can do it in 40 days. With the help of Pradeep, they finish the work in 25 days. How much should Pradeep get for his work?

- a) Rs 20 b) Rs 40 c) Rs 60 d) Rs 80

120. Alok and Bhupesh decide to travel from place X to place Y by bus. Alok has Rs. 100 with him and he finds that it is 80% of the bus fare for two persons. Bhupesh finds that he has Rs. 25 with him and hands it over to Alok. In this context, which one of the following statements is correct?

- a) The money Alok has now is just enough to buy two tickets.
- b) Alok still needs Rs. 5 for buying the tickets
- c) After buying the two tickets Alok will be left with 5 rupees
- d) The money Alok now has is still not sufficient to buy two tickets.

121. PASSAGE 1

India's minimum support price (MSP) system was initially designed to shield farmers from price volatility in the 1960s as the country transitioned to industrialized agriculture amid rampant hunger and malnutrition. Since then, the MSP and accompanying state-run market places have endured as crucial protections for farmers against abusive intermediaries. With the new terms, large corporations will be poised to take advantage of a rural population saddled with poor educational infrastructure, wield unfair market power to drive down crop prices, and do so with impunity, as certain clauses bar farmers from filing disputes in the courts. Already, monopoly control is commonplace in India, and there are no indications that a completely liberalized agricultural sector would be any exception.

- Q. Which one of the following statements is the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the above passage?
- a) The rural farmers of India do not have the means to fight big corporates.
 - b) Entry of large corporations into agriculture would be beneficial to the sector in the long run.
 - c) Minimum support price has helped farmers get favourable terms for their produce.
 - d) Liberalization in the agriculture sector could lead to concentration of power in few hands.

122. PASSAGE 2

Commonly perceived as rights of local forest dwellers over forest products and forest land, forest rights have been a major area of concern as well as debate in India. In colonial and independent India, although a large tract of land would be recorded as "unclassified" forest in Government records, ownership was unclear, and because most of these forests were home to a large number of tribals, the land was acquired by the Forest Department without settling their rights over them. After Independence, supported by improper survey and settlement, large tracts of land were declared as "reserve forests," meaning no rights either existed there or would exist later and all who either resided or claimed rights would be termed as encroachers.

- Q. Which of the following statement can be inferred from the passage?
- a) The government has recognized the rights of local forest dwellers over forest products through a legislation.
 - b) Forest rights of tribals have been largely neglected in colonial and independent India.
 - c) Conservation of forests was one of the reasons for acquiring of land by the forest department.
 - d) There is a rise of tribal encroachment in reserve forests of India

123. PASSAGE 3

The specific economic form, in which unpaid surplus-labour is pumped out of direct producers, determines the relationship of rulers and ruled, as it grows directly out of production itself and, in turn, reacts upon it as a determining element. ... It is always the direct relationship of the owners of the conditions of production to the direct producers – a relation always naturally corresponding to a definite stage in the development of the methods of labour and thereby its social productivity – which reveals the innermost secret, the hidden basis of the entire social structure and with it the political form of the relation of sovereignty and dependence, in short, the corresponding specific form of the state. – Karl Marx

- Q. Which one of the following statements is the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the above passage?
- a) The relationship between rulers and the ruled is solely determined by political ideologies and has no connection to the economic system.
 - b) The extraction of surplus labour shapes the structure of society and the corresponding political form of the state.
 - c) The methods of labour and social productivity have no influence on the innermost secret of the social structure or the political form of the state.
 - d) Karl Marx believed that the state's form and the relationship of sovereignty and dependence are entirely independent of the economic structure and surplus labour extraction.

124. PASSAGE 4

With the rise of Enlightenment thought in the eighteenth century came the attempt to apply reason and scientific concepts to topics that had previously been explained in theological or belletristic terms. For much of the twentieth century, the social sciences of political science, psychology, and leadership studies have had much to say in terms of attempting to craft general theories and models of leadership. History's role in this process has usually been to serve as a passive data bank to be raided by such social science disciplines and their theorizing ambitions. As we shall see, the new leadership studies are increasingly sensitive to the historian's focus on the uniqueness of each great leader's story.

- Q. Which one of the following statements is the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the above passage?

- a) Contemporary leadership studies are emphasizing on the importance of recognizing the uniqueness of each great leader's story.
- b) The age of Enlightenment primarily aimed to strengthen theological explanations, neglecting reason and scientific concepts.
- c) History played a dominant role in crafting general theories and models of leadership throughout the twentieth century, overshadowing the contributions of social sciences.
- d) The new leadership studies continue to rely heavily on historical data and are not concerned with recognizing the uniqueness of each great leader's story.

125. PASSAGE 5

The question of states accountability is furthermore complex as states constitute both the main actors and agents of the international law. The consent-based notion of legal obligation creates a stalemate situation where states may only be held accountable to those laws they consented to. Therefore, states may not be the sole subjects of international law, yet they are the main decision-makers as to which laws they will be held accountable, to which laws they will internalise and to how they enforce that law. Whether adopting a monistic or dualistic approach with regard to domestication of international law, states either incorporate international law into domestic law or translate it into their legal system, which does not allow any sovereignty breaches.

Q. Which one of the following statements is the most logical conclusion that can be made from the above passage?

- a) States play a crucial role in the international legal system, as they are both the primary actors and decision makers in shaping and implementing international law
- b) States have no role in shaping international law, and their consent is not a factor in determining legal obligations.
- c) The international legal system is not influenced by states, and international law is uniformly enforced across all nations.
- d) The concept of sovereignty is irrelevant when it comes to the domestication of international law, and states have no say in how they enforce such laws in their territories.

126. Nine persons A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I are watching a movie in a theatre sitting in a row facing North. B is at one end of the row. H is seated adjacent to both F and G. C is to the immediate right of D and at the third place to the right of E. A is immediate left of F. F is at the third place to the left of B. Find out the person who will be at the end of the row?

- a) A
- b) C
- c) D
- d) E

C

127. A, B and C are three numbers. Let,

@ (A, B) = Average of A and B,

/ (A, B) = Product of A and B, and

$\times$ (A, B) = The result of dividing A by B.

The sum of A and B is given by,

a) $\times$ (@ (A, B), 2)

b) @ ($\times$ (A, B), 2)

c) / (@ (A, B), 2)

d) @ (/ (A, B), 2)

128. Three of the five distinct positive integers A, B, C, D, E are prime numbers and two of them are composite numbers (not necessarily in order).

Consider the following:

1. $A + D - 5C$ can be even.

2. $3A - 2B + E$ is definitely odd.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

129. The total number of integers pairs (X, Y) satisfying the equation,

$$X + Y = X * Y \text{ is,}$$

a) One

b) Two

c) Three

d) More than three

130. Consider the following statements and a Question:

Statement 1: In a bag, there are coins of 50 paise, 25 paise and 10 paise in the ratio of 1: 2: 3

Statement 2: In a bag, there are 10 coins of 50 paise each.

Question: What is the amount in the bag?

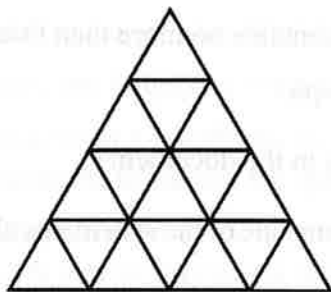
a) Statement (1) alone is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked

b) Statement (2) alone is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked

c) If data in either Statement I or Statement II is sufficient to answer the question.

d) Both statements (1) and (2) together are sufficient to answer the question asked; but neither statement alone is sufficient

131. This question is based upon the figures shown below



Count the number of triangles in the given diagram

- a) 21 b) 22 c) 25 d) 27

132. Every 10 years the Indian Government counts all the people living in the country. Suppose that the director of the census has reported the following data on two neighbouring villages ChotaHazri and MotaHazri.

ChotaHazri has 4,522 fewer males than MotaHazri.

MotaHazri has 4,020 more females than males.

ChotaHazri has twice as many females as males.

ChotaHazri has 2,910 fewer females than MotaHazri.

What is the total number of males in ChotaHazri?

- a) 5632 b) 10154
c) 11264 d) 14174

133. Consider the following pattern:

Circle 1: Contains 1 dot.

Circle 2: Contains 3 dots arranged in a triangle.

Circle 3: Contains 6 dots arranged in two overlapping triangles.

Circle 4: Contains 10 dots arranged in a larger triangle.

Based on the pattern above, how many dots will be in Circle 7?

- a) 25 b) 28
c) 31 d) 34

C

134. Two statements S1 and S2 are given below followed by a Question:

S1: Each page of a 75-page document contains no more than three graphs.

S2: Every page contains at least one graph.

Question: Are there at least 150 graphs in the document?

- a) The Question can be answered by using one of the statements alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
- b) The Question can be answered by using either statement alone.
- c) The Question can be answered by using both the statements together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- d) The Question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

135. If $N^2 = 1234567654321$ then $N = ?$

- a) 11111
- b) 111111
- c) 1111111
- d) 11111111

136. A person stood alone in a desert on a dark night and wanted to reach his village which was situated 5 km east of the point where he was standing. He had no instruments to find the direction but he located the polestar. The most convenient way now to reach his village is to walk in the,

- a) Direction facing the polestar
- b) Direction opposite to the polestar
- c) Direction keeping the polestar to his left
- d) Direction keeping the polestar to his right.

137. If A and B are natural numbers, such that $A + 2B = 6$, then the average of the maximum and minimum possible values of $(A + B)$ is,

- a) 3
- b) 3.5
- c) 4
- d) 4.5

138. Simplify the following:

$$\left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{100}\right) \right]^{-0.5}$$

- a) 1/100
- b) 1/10
- c) 10
- d) 100

139. What is the code for 'clouds' in the code language?

Statement 1: In the code language, 'clouds is blue' is written as 'se ra fa'.

Statement 2: In the same code language, 'make it blue' is written as 'se ga zo'.

- a) If the data alone in statement 1 is sufficient to answer the question, while the data alone in statement 2 is not sufficient to answer the question
- b) If the data alone in statement 2 is sufficient to answer the question, while the data alone in statement 1 is not sufficient to answer the question
- c) Data in either statement 1 or statement 2 is sufficient to answer the question
- d) If data in the two statements together is also not sufficient to answer the question

140. Consider the following sequence of numbers:

2 3 5 1 4 1 4 3 6 1 3 4 6 1 3 6 6 1 2 3 7 5 8 5 8 5 6 1 1 4 5 4 3 6

How many even numbers are followed by an odd number in the above sequence?

- a) 10
- b) 11
- c) 12
- d) 13

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PART - A (GENERAL STUDIES)

1. Starfish is actually a/an:
(a) Fish (b) Mollusc (c) Echinoderm (d) Arthropod

2. Consider the following statements:
1. Inflation reduces the real burden of fixed-interest loans for borrowers.
2. Inflation increases the purchasing power of money held in savings.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. With reference to recent initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing, consider the following statements about the white goods industry in India:
1. White goods primarily include large household appliances like air-conditioners and refrigerators.
2. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has been extended to cover the white goods sector.
3. The white goods industry is regulated under compulsory licensing by the Ministry of Heavy Industries. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only

4. Consider the following statements:
1. In India, the procurement of sugarcane by sugar mills is done at a price fixed by the Government of India, known as the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP).
2. The State governments are permitted to fix price for sugarcane procurement over and above the FRP declared by the Central Government. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following minerals:
1. Bauxite
2. Gravel
3. Chromite
4. Bentonite
In India, which of the above is/are officially designated as major minerals?
(a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 1 and 4 only (d) 2 and 3 only

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6. Consider the following statements in respect of a drone and a satellite:

1. A drone requires atmospheric air for lift and propulsion and hence cannot operate on Moon.
2. A satellite relies on gravitational force and orbital velocity to remain in space and does not require atmospheric lift. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

7. Satellites used for Earth observation are often placed in a sun-synchronous orbit. A satellite is said to be in such an orbit when:

1. The satellite passes over the same part of the Earth at the same local solar time.
2. The orbit is polar or near-polar.
3. The orbit is geostationary. Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

8. Consider the following phenomena:

1. Time slows down near massive objects.
2. Gravitational waves propagate through space-time.
3. Objects in motion appear shorter in the direction of motion.

Which of the above are the predictions of Einstein's theories of relativity, often discussed in modern physics?

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

9. Which of the following is/are the advantages of practising contour ploughing in agriculture?

1. Reduction in soil erosion
2. Improved water retention in the soil
3. Increase in soil salinity

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

10. In the context of independent India's economic development, which one of the following was the earliest to occur?

- (a) Nationalization of coal mines
- (b) Enactment of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Act
- (c) Launch of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)
- (d) Establishment of SEBI as a statutory body

11. Which of the following departments is responsible for publishing the Economic Survey of India every year?
- (a) Department of Revenue
 - (b) Department of Financial Services
 - (c) Department of Economic Affairs
 - (d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
12. Consider the following statements:
- 1. The Nilgiri Tahr is naturally found in the grasslands of the Eastern Ghats.
 - 2. The Dugong, a marine mammal, is found in the waters around the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
13. Which of the following are regarded as essential elements of a democratic government?
- 1. Free and fair elections
 - 2. Separation of powers
 - 3. Independent Judiciary
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
14. A redistribution of income in a country can be best brought about through:
- (a) progressive taxation combined with progressive expenditure
 - (b) progressive taxation combined with regressive expenditure
 - (c) regressive taxation combined with regressive expenditure
 - (d) regressive taxation combined with progressive expenditure
15. The state which has the largest number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Caste in the Lok Sabha is:
- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Bihar
 - (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) West Bengal
16. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Kolar is known for its gold mines.
 - 2. Singrauli is known for its coal reserves.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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17. Why is *Simarouba glauca* considered a potential source for biofuel production in India?
1. *Simarouba glauca* can grow in degraded and wasteland conditions with minimal irrigation.
 2. The seeds of *Simarouba glauca* contain non-edible oil that can be processed into biodiesel. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
18. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was adopted at:
- (a) United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 1972
 - (b) UN Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992
 - (c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) General Assembly, New Delhi, 1969
 - (d) Washington Convention, 1973
19. The latitudes that pass-through Nagaland also pass through:
- (a) Gujarat (b) Haryana (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Odisha
20. Consider the following statements:
1. Area-wise, Maharashtra is larger than Madhya Pradesh.
 2. According to the Population Census 2011, the population of Maharashtra is larger than that of Madhya Pradesh.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
21. Dry deciduous forests with scattered trees and grasses that shed leaves seasonally are commonly found in:
- (a) Western Rajasthan (b) Chhattisgarh plains
(c) Eastern Himalayas (d) Coastal Kerala
22. Who among the following Governor Generals created the Covenanted Civil Service of India which later came to be known as the Indian Civil Service?
- (a) Warren Hastings (b) Wellesley
(c) Cornwallis (d) William Bentinck

23. What is/are common to the two historical sites known as Elephanta and Ellora?

1. Both are located in the state of Maharashtra.
2. Both have Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain monuments.
3. Both are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1 only |

24. Which of the following features distinguish the Indus Valley Civilization from contemporary civilizations?

1. Extensive use of standardized weights and measures
2. Presence of a deciphered script
3. Urban planning with grid pattern streets

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 3 only | (c) 2 and 3 only | (d) 1 and 3 only |
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25. The Jain philosophy holds that the world is created and maintained by,

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| (a) Universal Law | (b) Universal Truth |
| (c) Universal Faith | (d) Universal Soul |

26. Which of the following best describes the term 'fiscal deficit'?

- (a) Excess of total income over total expenditure of the government
- (b) Excess of total expenditure over total income of the government excluding borrowings
- (c) Difference between revenue deficit and capital expenditure
- (d) Total amount of money printed by the government during a financial year

27. Which of the following countries are located on the Equator?

1. Kenya
2. Indonesia
3. Venezuela
4. Brazil

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 1, 2 and 4 only |
| (c) 2, 3 and 4 only | (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 |

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28. Consider the following statements:

1. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment provides for a State Election Commission to supervise Panchayat elections.
2. A person disqualified under any law for elections to the Legislature of the State is also disqualified from contesting Panchayat elections.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

29. Which of the following can lead to appreciation of the Indian Rupee?

1. Increase in foreign investment
2. Rise in crude oil imports
3. Decline in gold imports
4. Increase in interest rates by RBI

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 4 only

30. Which of the following is most likely to cause an increase in Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) in a waterbody?

- (a) Enhanced photosynthetic activity of aquatic vegetation
(b) Discharge of organic matter such as sewage or decaying plant material
(c) Addition of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus
(d) Elevated levels of dissolved oxygen in water

31. If you are travelling through Rajasthan in India, which of the following birds are you likely to see?

1. Great Indian Bustard
2. Peacock
3. House Sparrow
4. Flamingo

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

32. Which of the following rivers flow into the Mediterranean Sea?

1. Nile
2. Danube
3. Tigris

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 1 only |
| (c) 2 and 3 only | (d) 1 and 3 only |

33. Which of the following statement(s) regarding the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) is/are mentioned in the Indian constitution?

1. They are justiciable and enforceable by the courts.
2. They are fundamental to the governance of the country.

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 2 only | (c) Both 1 and 2 | (d) Neither 1 nor 2 |
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34. Which of the following is the primary recommendation of Simon Commission (1927)?

- (a) It recommended the replacement of diarchy with full responsible government in the provinces.
- (b) It proposed the establishment of an inter-provincial council to coordinate matters of common interest among provinces.
- (c) It recommended the abolition of the bicameral legislature at the Centre.
- (d) It reiterated the principle of separate electorates for minorities

35. Which of the following is/are considered direct taxes in India?

1. Corporate Tax
2. Goods and Services Tax (GST)
3. Income Tax

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only | (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |
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36. Consider the following statements regarding the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC):

1. The Chairman and members of the UPSC are appointed by the President of India.
2. The UPSC is a constitutional body established under Article 315 of the Constitution.
3. The recommendations made by the UPSC are binding on the Government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| (a) 1 only | (b) 1 and 2 only | (c) 2 and 3 only | (d) 2 only |
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37. With respect to Indian constitution and its amendments, consider the following statements:

1. The Governor is part of the State Legislature.
2. The Governor can nominate two members from the Anglo-Indian community to the Legislative Assembly.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

38. Which of the following organisms act as primary producers in a freshwater ecosystem?

1. Cyanobacteria
2. Phytoplankton
3. Zooplankton
4. Green algae
5. Protozoa

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only

39. Consider the following statements about Lakshadweep Islands:

1. The entire island group is located on coral deposits.
2. The maritime boundary between the Maldives and India (Lakshadweep) runs through the Eleven-degree channel.
3. Saddle Peak is the highest peak in the Lakshadweep Islands.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 2 and 3 only

40. Which of the following factors can contribute to cost-push inflation in an economy?

1. Rise in wages of workers
2. Increase in crude oil prices
3. Depreciation of the domestic currency
4. Expansionary monetary policy

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

41. Which of the following pairs of national parks and rivers flowing through them are correctly matched?

1. Ranthambore National Park – Banas River
2. Valley of Flowers National Park – Pushpawati River
3. Bandipur National Park – Godavari River

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

42. With reference to food chains in ecosystems which of the following kinds of organism is/are known as decomposer organism/organisms?

1. Virus
2. Fungi
3. Bacteria

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

43. Which one of the following best describes Commensalism, which is an ecological interaction between two species?

- (a) An interaction in which both species are benefitted
(b) An interaction in which one organism benefits from the other without harming it.
(c) An interaction in which one of the species is harmed while the other either benefits or remain unaffected
(d) An interaction in which both the species do not affect each other

44. Which of the following fall under the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India?

1. Dispute between two or more States
2. Dispute between the Centre and one or more States
3. Dispute arising out of pre-Constitution treaties
4. Dispute between a citizen and the Government of India

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 3 and 4 only

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45. What does the term 'judicial activism' primarily refer to?
- (a) The power of the judiciary to enforce its own orders through the executive
 - (b) The proactive role of the judiciary in expanding the scope of fundamental rights through interpretation
 - (c) The power of courts to make laws when the legislature fails to do so
 - (d) The restriction of executive power through judicial oversight
46. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Chilika is the largest saltwater (brackish water) lake in India.
 - 2. Pulicat lake is the longest lake in India.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
47. The region known as 'Rafah Crossing' has recently been in the news in the context of events related to:
- (a) Horn of Africa
 - (b) Central Asia
 - (c) Middle East
 - (d) Eastern Europe
48. Consider the following which can be found in the ambient atmosphere:
- 1. Methane
 - 2. Tropospheric ozone
 - 3. Nitrogen
 - 4. Carbon dioxide
- Which of the above contribute to the warming up of the atmosphere?
- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
49. Which one of the following best describes not only the physical space occupied by an organism but also its functional role in the community of organisms?
- (a) Ecotone
 - (b) Habitat
 - (c) Ecological Niche
 - (d) Biome
50. Consider the following rights:
- 1. Right to social security
 - 2. Right to own property
 - 3. Right to equal access to public service
- Which of the above is/are recognized under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

51. Consider the following:

1. National Crisis Management Committee
2. National Disaster Mitigation Fund
3. National Disaster Response Force

How many of the above are statutory provisions under the Disaster Management Act, 2005?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

52. In which of the following are aerogels used?

1. Thermal insulation in spacecraft and buildings
2. Oil spill cleanup operations
3. Components in lithium-ion batteries

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

53. With reference to Radio frequencies (RF) and Lasers, consider the following statements:

1. Laser signals can go through clouds more easily than Radio frequencies to reach their receivers.
2. Lasers have frequencies higher than Radio frequencies.
3. Sending and receiving a higher frequency of a laser requires more equipment compared to RF.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only

54. With reference to Central Administrative Tribunal, consider the following statements:

1. The Central Administrative Tribunal had been established under Article 323 -A of the Constitution.
2. It is chaired only by retired judges of Supreme Court.
3. In general, a bench under Central Administrative Tribunal consists of one Judicial Member and one Administrative Member.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

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55. With reference to the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution, which of the following subjects come under the Concurrent List?

1. Bankruptcy and insolvency
2. Relief for the disabled and unemployable
3. Audit of the accounts of the state
4. Population control and family planning
5. Economic and social planning

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 2, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 4 and 5 only

56. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. A Bill pending in the Lok Sabha lapses on its prorogation.
2. A Bill pending in the Rajya Sabha, which has not been passed by the Lok Sabha, shall not lapse on the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

57. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: 13th February is celebrated as National Women's Day in India.

Statement-II: It marks the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu, a prominent freedom fighter and poet. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

58. What is the correct order in which the following terms are enshrined in the preamble of the Constitution:

1. Equality
2. Liberty
3. Justice
4. Fraternity

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 3, 2, 1, 4 (c) 2, 1, 3, 4 (d) 4, 1, 2, 3

59. With reference to the Government of India Act 1909, consider the following statements:

1. The act created non-official majority in all the Provincial Legislative Councils, but maintained official majority in the Central Legislative Council.
2. The act for the first time gave members of the Council power to move resolutions on any matter of general public interest.
3. The act system established a dual form of government in each province.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

60. With reference to the Military exercises, in how many of the below rows is the information correctly matched?

Exercise	Participants	Location
1. SHAKTI 2024	India and France	Meghalaya
2. NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2025	India and Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar
3. GARUD SHAKTI 2024	India and UK	Uttarakhand

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

61. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Carbon fiber composites are increasingly used in aerospace, automobile, and sports equipment industries due to their lightweight and high strength.

Statement II: Carbon fiber has higher tensile strength than steel but is significantly lighter in weight.

Statement III: The production of carbon fiber is environmentally benign and energy-efficient. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
 (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
 (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
 (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

62. Who among the following played a key role as a mediator in the signing of the Gandhi-Irwin Pact (1931)?

- (a) Madan Mohan Malaviya (b) M.R. Jayakar
 (c) Tej Bahadur Sapru (d) Srinivasa Sastri

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63. Who among the following was associated with the founding of the "Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh" established in 1955?

- (a) George Fernandes, S.A. Dange and Ram Manohar Lohia
- (b) L.K. Advani, Madhu Limaye and Nana Deshmukh
- (c) Dattopant Thengadi, Balraj Madhok and Nanaji Deshmukh
- (d) Ashok Mehta, V.V. Giri and N.G. Gore

64. Consider the following pairs:

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| Social Reformer | : Associated Work / Contribution |
| 1. Jyotirao Phule | : Tiritiya Ratna |
| 2. Gopal Hari Deshmukh | : Shatapatre |
| 3. Tarabai Shinde | : The High-Caste Hindu Woman |

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

65. Which of the following Fundamental Rights are available only to citizens and not to foreigners?

- 1. Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.
- 2. Equality before the law and equal protection of the laws.
- 3. Protection of language, script and culture of minorities.
- 4. Protection against arrest and detention in certain cases.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 4 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

66. Consider the following pairs:

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| GI Craft | : State |
| 1. Kannadippaya | : Karnataka |
| 2. Gharcholas | : Madhya Pradesh |
| 3. Axomiya gohona | : Assam |

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

67. Which Directive Principle of State Policy focuses on the provision of living wage for workers?

- (a) Article 42 (b) Article 43
- (c) Article 41 (d) Article 47

68. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 32 of the Constitution gives an extensive original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court for enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
2. The Supreme Court has been conferred with power to direct transfer of any civil or criminal case from one High Court to another High Court or from a Court subordinate to another High Court.
3. Under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act of 1996, International commercial arbitration can be initiated in Supreme Court. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

69. Consider the following pairs:

Mineral Country : Major Producer

1. Chromium : South Africa
2. Gold : China
3. Bauxite : Australia
4. Graphite : Chile

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four

70. With reference to Centre-State relations, which of the following is/are the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission?

1. Determination of terms of reference of the finance commission in consultation with the state governments.
2. The three-language formula should be implemented in its true spirit in all the states in the interest of unity and integrity of the country.
3. The retiring governors should be debarred from accepting any office of profit.
4. Equal representation of States in Rajya Sabha.

(a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

71. Consider the following pairs:

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Tiger Reserve | : State |
| 1. Guru Ghasidas–Tamor Pingla | : Madhya Pradesh |
| 2. Ratapani | : Chhattisgarh |
| 3. Madhav | : Rajasthan |
| 4. Veerangana Durgavati | : Maharashtra |

How many of the above pairs is/are **incorrectly** matched?

(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four

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72. Which of the following Ramsar sites in India is a naturally formed wetland?
- (a) Harike Wetland (b) Keoladeo National Park
(c) Bhoj Wetland (d) Deepor Beel
73. With reference to the Constitution of India, consider the following pairs:
- Part of the Constitution: Subject Dealt With
1. Part IVA : Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSPs)
2. Part IXB : Municipalities
3. Part XVIII : Emergency Provisions
4. Part XIV-A : Tribunals
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 3 and 4 only
74. Ashvaghosha, a poet who composed a biography of the Buddha, the Buddhacharita, lived in the court of which ruler?
- (a) Ashoka (b) Bindusara
(c) Kanishka (d) Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni
75. Who among the following advocates had appeared for the INA Trials at Delhi in 1945-46?
- (a) K. M. Munshi and Sardar Patel
(b) Rajendra Prasad and C. Rajagopalachari
(c) Bhulabhai Desai and Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Mahatma Gandhi and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
76. In ancient India, the term 'Gahapati' referred to:
- (a) A military commander under the Mauryan Empire
(b) The head of a household, often a landowning householder
(c) A Buddhist monk belonging to the Mahasanghika sect
(d) A merchant guild leader controlling long-distance trade
77. Consider the following statements regarding the tomb of Akbar:
1. The tomb is a multi-storied structure.
2. Jahangir completed its construction.
3. The structure is entirely built of red sandstone.
4. The Tomb of Akbar is located at Shahdara Bagh, Lahore
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four

78. Ashoka, the Mauryan emperor, is known for sending Buddhist missions abroad. To which of the following places did he send his son Mahendra and daughter Sanghamitra to propagate Buddhism?

- (a) Anuradhapura (b) Yavaka dvipa (c) Lhasa (d) suvarnabhumi

79. The Prayaga Prashasti, composed in Sanskrit by Harishena, was written during the reign of:

- (a) Samudragupta (b) Chandragupta I
(c) Harshavardhana (d) Kanishka

80. With reference to Yaksha worship in ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. The concept of Yaksha is Vedic in origin.
2. Yakshas were often worshipped as local nature spirits and guardians of wealth.
3. Yaksha figures were frequently depicted in early Buddhist and Jain art.

Which of the statements give above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

81. Which of the following is/are evergreen trees?

1. Malabar plum
2. Teak
3. Jackfruit

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

82. Fardo, Natanz, and Isfahan recently seen in the news are related to:

- (a) Strategic military airbases in Syria used in the civil war
(b) Oil refining hubs in Iraq under OPEC's control
(c) Nuclear and missile-related facilities in Iran
(d) Disputed border zones between Armenia and Azerbaijan

83. Consider the following countries:

1. The Bahamas
2. Colombia
3. Costa Rica
4. Mexico

How many of the above countries have a coastline along the Caribbean Sea?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four

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84. Consider the following statements:

1. The Brahmani River contributes to the formation of Chilika Lake.
2. The Luni River flows into Sambhar Lake during peak monsoon.
3. The Kabini River is a tributary of the Tungabhadra River.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

85. Consider the following pairs:

Peak : Hills

1. Malayagiri : Garhjat
2. Dhupgarh : Mahadeo
3. Parasnath : Aravalli

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

86. Consider the following description:

1. The area come under the influence of sub-tropical high in summer and westerly wind in winter.
2. The climate is characterized by hot, dry summer and mild, rainy winter.
3. Monthly average temperature in summer is around 25° C and in winter below 10°C.
4. The annual precipitation ranges between 35 - 90 cm. Which one of the following climates is described above?

- (a) Mediterranean Climate (b) Humid Subtropical Climate
(c) Subtropical Steppe Climate (d) Marine West Coast Climate

87. Consider the following plate boundaries

1. Mid-Atlantic Ridge
2. East Africa Rift
3. Philippine plate - Pacific plate
4. Nazca plate - South American plate. Which of the above is/are divergent boundaries?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 (c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 2 and 4

88. With reference to Earth Quake waves, consider the following statements:

1. Unlike S-waves, P-waves vibrate perpendicular to the direction of the wave.
2. S-waves are similar to sound waves.
3. Surface waves are considered to be the most damaging waves.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

89. Which of the following is/are related to the formation or modification of the present atmosphere?

1. Solar winds
2. Degassing
3. Differentiation
4. Photosynthesis

(a) 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1 and 3 only

90. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: India has entered the top 100 of the Sustainable Development Report for the first time, ranking 99 out of 167 countries.

Statement II: India has shown sustained reduction in poverty over the years

Statement III: India has made remarkable improvements in governance, press freedom, and institutional independence under SDG 16.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

91. With reference to the Government of India, in how many of the below rows is the information correctly matched?

Organization	Some of its functions	It works under
1. Financial Intelligence Unit-India	It functions as the clearing house of all economic intelligence and provides a platform for such exchange between various agencies	Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
2. National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)	It regulates accounting and auditing standards for listed companies	Ministry of Corporate Affairs
3. National Anti-Profitteering Authority (NAA)	It investigates unfair profiteering practices in GST framework	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

92. With reference to Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited (CIBIL), consider the following statements:

1. CIBIL Score is a three-digit numeric summary of an individual's credit history.
2. Credit Information Report of CIBIL is an individual's credit payment history across loan types and credit institutions over a period of time.
3. A Credit Information Report of CIBIL contains details of your savings, investments or fixed deposits.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

93. Consider the following:

1. Housing loans owed by households
2. Amounts outstanding on credit cards
3. Treasury bills

The items listed above come under:

- (a) Financial debt (b) Non-financial debt
(c) External debt (d) Contingent liabilities

94. With reference to Balance of Payments, which of the following constitutes/constitute the Current Account?

1. Balance of trade
2. Foreign assets
3. Balance of invisibles
4. Special Drawing Rights

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 4 only

95. How many of the following Acts is/are administered by RBI?

1. Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
2. Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005
3. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
4. Depositories Act, 1996

- (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four

96. The money multiplier in an economy increases with which one of the following?
- (a) Increase in the Cash Reserve Ratio in the banks
 - (b) Increase in the Statutory Liquidity Ratio in the banks
 - (c) Increase in the banking habit of the people
 - (d) Increase in the population of the country
97. Consider the following statements:
1. All the constituents of whole sale price index are only goods whose prices are captured at the wholesale or producer level.
 2. Changes in consumption patterns or introduction of goods and services are automatically reflected in the GDP deflator.
 3. GDP deflator is available only on a quarterly basis along with GDP estimates, whereas WPI data is released every month.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
 - (b) Only two
 - (c) All three
 - (d) None
98. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?
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|----------------------|------------|
| Type | : Variable |
| 1. Income | : Flow |
| 2. Consumer Durables | : Stock |
| 3. Money supply | : Flow |
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 2 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only
99. In the context of the economy, which of the following acts as an automatic stabilizer?
- (a) Change in repo rate by the RBI
 - (b) Launch of a new infrastructure investment scheme
 - (c) Proportional income tax
 - (d) Disinvestment of public sector undertakings
100. Interest payments on market loans, external loans and from various reserve funds constitute the single largest component of
- (a) Non-plan revenue expenditure
 - (b) Plan revenue expenditure
 - (c) Plan capital expenditure
 - (d) Non-plan capital expenditure

PART – B (CSAT)

101. PASSAGE 1

The world has changed. Wildlife has halved in less than a generation. Natural habitats are being put under increasing pressure. And climate change is leading us into uncharted territory. But people have changed too. They are more aware of the threat to essentials like food, water and clean air. They are more ambitious, more innovative. And they are backed by a growing number of corporations.

Q. Which one of the following is best implied in the passage?

- (a) There is a need to preserve wildlife by relying on conservation genetics.
- (b) The state should mandate the corporations to provide basic essentials to the people.
- (c) People are more aware of the importance of access to local green and blue spaces.
- (d) Wildlife in their natural habitats are more acclimatized to climate change

102. A three-digit number $4p3$ is added to another three-digit number 984 to give the four-digit number $13q7$, which is divisible by 11. Then, the value of $(p + q)$ is :

- (a) 10
- (b) 11
- (c) 12
- (d) 15

103. Shahid and Rohit start from the same point in opposite directions. After each 1 km, both Shahid and Rohit always turn left. Which of the following statement is correct?

- (a) After both have travelled 2 km, the distance between them is 4 km.
- (b) They meet after each has travelled 3 km.
- (c) They meet for the first time after each has travelled 4 km.
- (d) They go on without ever meeting again.

104. In a book store house, the ratio of English to Hindi books is 7:2. If there are 1512 English books and due to increase in demand of English books, few English books are added by the shopkeeper and the said ratio become 15:4. The total number of English books in the book store is:

- (a) 108
- (b) 430
- (c) 1620
- (d) 4568

105. Two Statements S1 and S2 are given below regarding two positive integers followed by a Question:

S1: The product of two integers is 7.

S2: The sum of two integers is a negative integer.

Question: What are the two integers?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Statements and the Question?

- (a) S1 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (b) S2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (c) S1 and S2 together are sufficient to answer the Question, but neither S1 alone nor S2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (d) S1 or S2 alone are sufficient to answer the Question.

106. What is the code for 'river' in the code language?

Statement 1: In the code language, 'river flows fast' is written as 'mi ka lo'.

Statement 2: In the same code language, 'fast and clear' is written as 'zi lo pe'.

- (a) If the data alone in Statement 1 is sufficient to answer the question, while the data alone in Statement 2 is not sufficient to answer the question
- (b) If the data alone in Statement 2 is sufficient to answer the question, while the data alone in Statement 1 is not sufficient to answer the question
- (c) If the data in either Statement 1 or Statement 2 is sufficient to answer the question
- (d) If the data in the two statements together is also not sufficient to answer the question

107. If $N = 1234567891011 \dots 484950$,

1. N can be written as sum of five consecutive integers
 2. N can be written as sum of six natural numbers. Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

108. Question: Is P greater than Q?

Statement 1: $P * Q$ is lesser than zero.

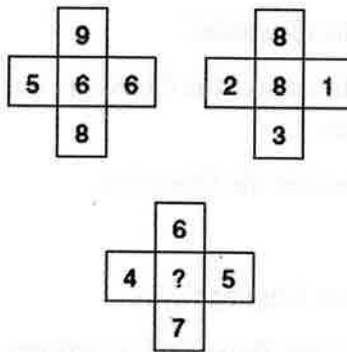
Statement 2: $P * Q$ is greater than zero.

If P is a natural number, then, which one of the following is correct in respect of the above question and the statements?

- (a) The Question can be answered by using one of the statements alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
- (b) The Question can be answered by using either statement alone.
- (c) The Question can be answered by using both the statements together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- (d) The Question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together

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109. Find the missing number.



(a) 4

(b) 6

(c) 8

(d) 10

110. PASSAGE 2

India's agricultural heritage is rooted in biodiversity, resilience, and harmony with nature. Traditional farming has evolved over centuries, adapting to local climates and soils. The rise of genetically modified (GM) crops, though promising higher yields, raises questions about long-term ecological balance, seed sovereignty, and dependence on corporates. The debate is not merely about productivity but about control over what we grow, eat, and conserve. In a rush for food security, sidelining indigenous practices may undermine both sustainability and self-reliance.

Q. Which of the following is/are valid assumptions based on the passage?

1. Traditional agriculture has intrinsic ecological value that may be lost with GM crop adoption.
2. Higher productivity is the sole goal of agricultural policy in India. Select the correct answer using the code below:

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

111. PASSAGE 3

Despite alarming levels of air pollution choking cities year after year, government responses remain fragmented and reactive. Banning firecrackers for a week or sprinkling water on roads may ease public outrage but do little to alter long-term exposure. What is lacking is not awareness, but the political will to confront structural sources—vehicular emissions, construction dust, and industrial discharge. Without systemic, multi-sectoral reforms, current measures resemble fire-fighting in a house that keeps being set ablaze.

Q. Which of the following can be most logically inferred from the passage?

- (a) Public awareness is the key obstacle in tackling air pollution.
- (b) Government interventions have proven highly effective in curbing pollution.
- (c) Long-term air quality improvement requires coordinated and structural action.
- (d) Seasonal factors are the primary contributors to India's air pollution crisis.

112. PASSAGE 4

Society often celebrates its progress toward gender equality through token gestures—campaigns, awards, and symbolic appointments. Yet, beneath this facade lies an unspoken resistance. We applaud empowerment, so long as it doesn't disturb inherited hierarchies. True equality demands a redistribution of power, not just rhetoric. The deeper discomfort lies in conceding space, authority, and autonomy to women—not in raising slogans. Our failure is not just in action but in the refusal to recognize how entrenched the imbalance truly is.

Q. Which of the following can be most logically inferred from the passage?

- (a) Gender equality has largely been achieved in symbolic terms.
- (b) Society resists genuine gender equality because it challenges existing power structures.
- (c) Public campaigns are the most effective way to bring about gender parity.
- (d) Women's empowerment has been adequately addressed through institutional mechanisms.

113. PASSAGE 5

Despite constitutional pledges to develop scientific temper, India continues to be driven by deeply rooted superstitions. From astrological consultations in political decisions to blind faith in miracle cures, irrational beliefs often overshadow reason. While we proudly celebrate our advancements in space and science, the daily lives of many are governed by fear of omens and rituals. The contradiction is striking—we wear the mask of rationality but retreat into superstition when faced with uncertainty. This selective reasoning exposes a collective discomfort with evidence-based thinking.

Q. Which of the following conclusions can be most logically drawn from the passage?

- (a) India has completely failed to develop scientific thinking among its citizens.
- (b) Cultural beliefs and scientific progress can coexist without conflict.
- (c) A scientific mindset in India is superficial and often compromised by superstition.
- (d) Superstition is more common in rural India than in urban India.

114. PASSAGE 6

In a world increasingly shaped by wealth concentration, the illusion of individual choice grows stronger even as real power slips further from our hands. A handful of billionaires shape what we consume, how we communicate, and even what we believe. Yet, instead of questioning this structural control, we turn against one another—divided by identity, ideology, and misinformation. The greatest trick of power is not oppression but invisibility. As long as we fail to recognize who truly controls the levers, our conflicts will remain tragically misdirected.

Q. The passage seems to argue that:

- (a) Billionaires should not be allowed to fund political campaigns.
- (b) Economic inequality is natural and unavoidable.
- (c) Social divisions distract people from recognizing real sources of power.
- (d) Technology has made society more democratic.

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115. Seats for Mathematics, Physics and Biology in a school are in the ratio 5 : 7 : 8. There is a proposal to increase these seats by 40%, 50% and 75% respectively. What will be the ratio of increased seats?

- (a) 2 : 3 : 4 (b) 6 : 7 : 8 (c) 6 : 8 : 9 (d) 2 : 5 : 8

116. In the following sequence, how many numbers are divisible by 3 or 5 and are immediately followed by an odd number? 29, 25, 26, 21, 3, 25, 35, 18, 20, 22, 50, 9, 52, 54, 55, 56, 48, 26, 45

- (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6

117. Two Statements are given followed by two Conclusions:

Statements:

X/5 is divisible by 4

2X is divisible by 6

Conclusion-I: X is divisible by 10.

Conclusion-II: X is divisible by 6.

Which of the above Conclusions logically follows/follow from the two given Statements?

- (a) Conclusion I is correct
(b) Conclusion II is correct
(c) Both Conclusion I and Conclusion II are correct
(d) Neither Conclusion I nor Conclusion II is correct.

118. According to Shyam, his age is greater than 25 years but less than 34 years, but according to his brother, his age is greater than 26 years but less than 32 years and according to his mother, his age is less than 29 years. What is the average of all his probable ages, if all the above estimations are correct?

- (a) 27 years (b) 28 years
(c) 27.5 years (d) 28.5 years

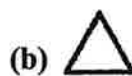
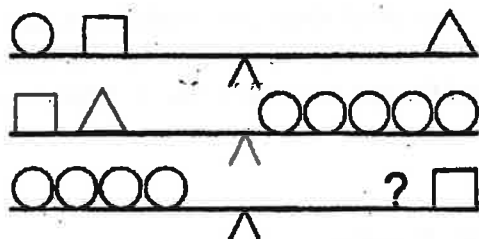
119. Let ABC be a three-digit number, where $(A + B + C)$ is not a multiple of 4. Then $(ABC + BCA + CAB)$ is not divisible by:

- (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 37 (d) 111

120. How many numbers with distinct digits exist where the product of their digits is 12?

- (a) 13 (b) 14 (c) 15 (d) 16

121. Figure given below represents a balance, which symbol replaces (?)



122. The number 35163P09 is divisible by 41. What is the value of the digit P?

(a) 4

(b) 5

(c) 6

(d) 7

123. Consider the following statements and a Question:

Statement 1: In a bag, there are coins of 50 paise, 25 paise and 10 paise in the ratio of 1: 2: 3

Statement 2: In a bag, there are 10 coins of 50 paise each.

Question: What is the amount in the bag?

(a) Statement (1) alone is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked

(b) Statement (2) alone is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked

(c) If data in either Statement (1) or Statement (2) is sufficient to answer the question.

(d) Both statements (1) and (2) together are sufficient to answer the question asked; but neither statement alone is sufficient

124. A boy rode his bicycle Westward, then turned left and rode 2 km and then turned right and rode 2 km. He again turned left and travelled 4 km. He found himself 10 km South west of his starting point. How far did he ride Westward initially?

(a) 4 km

(b) 6 km

(c) 8 km

(d) 10 km

125. Study the following information and answer the given questions: There are six family members A, B, C, D, E and F and all of them are of different age. D is older than only one person. E is older than B and D but not as old as A. B is not the youngest. C is oldest in the family. The age of A is 35 years and the age of person who is third youngest is 30 years. Who is second oldest in the family?

(a) A

(b) B

(c) D

(d) E

C

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There are six family members A, B, C, D, E and F and all of them are of different age. D is older than only one person. E is older than B and D but not as old as A. B is not the youngest. C is oldest in the family. The age of A is 35 years and the age of person who is third youngest is 30 years.

What is the possible age of E?

- (a) 19 years
- (b) 20 years
- (c) 32 years
- (d) 42 years

127. PASSAGE 7

The finite amounts of public climate finance must be deployed in more transformative and catalytic ways to bridge the sizable gap between available resources and needs. Even if all financing from the multilateral development banks (MDBs) was devoted to decarbonization and resilience, it would still meet less than 4 percent of finance needs for full climate transformation. Therefore, MDBs and other development partners must aim for a systemic approach that targets specific barriers that restrain the push for low-carbon, climate resilient development in order to unleash substantial additional spending from private and government sources. Much work has been done to spur such mobilization, but more can be achieved.

Q. The passage seems to argue,

- (a) There is lack of political will on the part of multilateral development banks to implement mitigation plans
- (b) Lack of public climate finance widens the gap between available resources and needs leading to environmental and social conflicts in the long run
- (c) Countries should judiciously incorporate climate adaptation in national development.
- (d) A major obstacle to climate change adaptation is inadequate climate finance.

128. PASSAGE 8

The practice of community development is about process and outcomes. Both are equally important and one should not be favoured over the other. Without process, the desired outcomes may be diminished or unrealized. Without successful outcomes, the process can be devalued or abandoned. Successful communities understand the role and contribution of each.

Q. Which one of the following statements best implies the crux of the passage?

- (a) Failed communities are a result of failed processes.
- (b) A community which focuses on outcomes alone would fail.
- (c) The measure of a community's success lies in how well it balances its methods and intended results.
- (d) Lack of financial resources acts as a hindrance in achieving the desired outcome.

129. PASSAGE 9

Fundamental rights that are incorporated in our constitution forms the basis of our existence in the country. Without them being present, things like dissent and objection could have been difficult. The fact that they are justifiable and thus enforceable by courts make them an instrument of power in the hands of the common man.

Q. The passage seems to argue

- (a) The supremacy of fundamental rights should prevail over discretionary powers of the executive
- (b) Parliamentary democracy can succeed only if fundamental rights are ensured to citizens.
- (c) Fundamental rights are primarily provided to protect individuals from any arbitrary state actions.
- (d) Without judicial interpretation of fundamental rights, exercise of these rights is not possible.

130. PASSAGE 10

We are tempted to assume that technological progress is the real progress and that material success is the criterion of civilization. If the eastern people become fascinated by machines and techniques and use them as western nations do, to build industrial organizations and large military establishments, they will get involved in power politics and drift into the danger of death. Scientific and technological civilization brings opportunities and great rewards but also great risks and temptations. If machines get into the saddle, all our progress will have been in vain. The problem facing us is a universal one. Both east and west are threatened with the same danger and face the same destiny. Science and technology are neither good nor bad. They are not to be tabooed but tamed and assigned their proper place. They become dangers only if they become idols.

Q. Which of the following is the most logical corollary to the above passage?

- (a) The success of civilization is determined by the technological progress made by society.
- (b) Scientific and technological advancement is a threat to mankind.
- (c) A conscious approach to science would help reap its true benefits.
- (d) Eastern nations are following the same development model as western nations

131. PASSAGE 11

In times of war and political conflict, it is tempting for nations to dilute human rights in the name of national interest. Yet, the true test of civilization lies not in how it treats its allies, but in how it upholds the rights of its adversaries. Human rights must remain inviolable, even when fear and hostility dominate public discourse. Upholding these rights universally, regardless of who the enemy is, reaffirms the moral compass of nations and distinguishes justice from vengeance.

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Q. Which of the following is/are the most valid assumption(s) based on the passage?

1. Nations often compromise human rights during periods of conflict.
2. The universality of human rights is essential to moral leadership.
3. Only democratic nations are capable of upholding human rights in wartime.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

132. If the five-digit number 750PQ is divisible by 3, 7 and 11, then what is the value of $P + 2Q$?

- (a) 15 (b) 16 (c) 17 (d) 18

133. In an office, there are 40% female employees. 50% of the male employees are UG graduates. The total 52% of employees are UG graduates out of 1800 employees. What is the number of female employees who are UG graduates?

- (a) 362 (b) 396 (c) 412 (d) 428

134. What is the sum of all two-digit numbers that give a remainder of 3 when they are divided by 7?

- (a) 666 (b) 676 (c) 683 (d) 777

135. Two numbers A and B are such that the sum of 5% of A and 4% of B is two-third of the sum of 6% of A and 8% of B. Find the ratio of A : B.

- (a) 2 : 3 (b) 1 : 1 (c) 3 : 4 (d) 4 : 3

136. In the sum $\textcircled{R} + \textcircled{R} + 3\textcircled{R} + 2\textcircled{R} + \textcircled{R}\textcircled{R} + \textcircled{R}2 = 22\textcircled{R}$ for which digit does the symbol $\textcircled{R}$ stand?

- (a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 7 (d) 9

137. PASSAGE 12

The obsession with tree-planting as a cure-all for environmental degradation often overlooks a critical truth: not all green cover restores ecosystems. Monoculture plantations may offer cosmetic relief but undermine biodiversity. True ecological healing requires preserving native species, restoring habitats, and nurturing the intricate web of life. Conservation must go beyond mere numbers of saplings to address the quality of life they support. Without a shift in focus toward biodiversity, we risk replacing natural resilience with artificial uniformity.

Q. Which of the following is/are valid assumptions based on the passage?

1. Increasing green cover does not necessarily lead to ecological restoration.
2. Biodiversity conservation is more complex and essential than tree-planting alone.
3. Monoculture plantations improve soil health and wildlife diversity.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |

138. PASSAGE 13

Acquisitive nature has become the hallmark of people in modern times. If a neighbour possesses a kitchen gadget like a mixer or a grinder, we too have the desire to own the same. All efforts are geared to make this purchase, whether the time is essential or not. Shopkeepers vie with each other to sell these things. It is as if the whole world has conspired to sell the mixer or grinder to me whether I want it or not. Of course, my wife wants it.

Q. The passage seems to imply that,

- (a) Women are in general more acquisitive in nature than men.
- (b) Acquisitive nature in people appears to be a bad quality.
- (c) Possessing new things sets a kind of indifference among neighbours.
- (d) An economic purchase is made only when it is essential.

139. PASSAGE 14

In an age where degrees are mass-produced and college seats outnumber critical thinking, graduation often serves more as a ritual than a mark of capability. Employers no longer see value in a certificate unless it is backed by demonstrable skill. The disconnect between education and employability is widening, exposing the hollowness of mere academic qualification. It is not the degree but the ability to adapt, solve, and create that defines a student's real worth in the world today.

Q. Which of the following is/are valid assumptions based on the passage?

1. The current education system places insufficient emphasis on practical skills.
 2. Graduates today are generally unemployable despite having academic degrees.
 3. Employers give more weight to problem-solving abilities than to formal qualifications.
- Select the correct answer using the code below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only | (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |
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140. PASSAGE 15

In a world shaped by rapid change and deep inequality, true progress hinges not on uniform outcomes but on equal access to opportunity. It is not privilege but potential that should determine one's future. When talent remains trapped behind barriers of caste, class, or circumstance, society not only fails the individual but also deprives itself of innovation and growth. A just society is not one where everyone ends up in the same place, but where everyone has a fair chance to begin the race.

Q. Which of the following is/are valid assumptions based on the passage?

1. Equal opportunity is more important than equal outcomes.
2. Eliminating privilege ensures everyone will achieve the same level of success. Select the correct answer using the code below:

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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